

the SEAMONKEY

Sunday, February 21, 2016 to Sunday, February 28, 2016 JoCo Cruise 2016 Royal Caribbean's *Freedom of the Seas*

Hello there, Sea Monkeys! My gosh, we have an amazing week planned. It can seem overwhelming, especially if it's your first JoCo Cruise, but fear not: this special edition of The SeaMonkey was SCIENTIFICALLY CALIBRATED to get you started on having fun in no time at all. So shout out "Wheel!" and read along...

IMPORTANT THING #1: BRING YOUR BADGE

to all JoCo Cruise concerts and events listed in this bulletin; it is your "ticket" to grant you access to our events. Yes, do this because we'll be checking for them (including in the Game Room (sponsored by Steve Jackson Games)), and also because they're mighty spiffy.

IMPORTANT THING #2: WASH YOUR HANDS!

You'll hear this a lot on the ship, and it bears repeating

and/or pre-peating: For best health results, wash your hands frequently (keeping the rest of you clean helps, too). Really, really, really. We must present a united front to the microbes that want to colonize our epidermis and intrude on our good time. There are lots of hand sanitizer stations all around the ship. Please use them! And seek soap!

IMPORTANT THING #3: EXPANDED GAMING AND EVENT SPACE!

In addition to the World Famous 24/7 JoCo Cruise Game Room, we've secured great swaths of the main dining room on sea days from (Tuesday, Friday and Saturday) 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for MORE gaming, plus space for game, writing, and shadow cruise events. More details on where-what-when elsewhere in this guide. A special thank you to Lead Game Sponsor Steve Jackson Games and all the Game Developer sponsors for helping make this expansion possible.

DAY 1 OFFICIAL MINI-SCHEDULE

- 2:45 pm New Monkey Orientation
Arcadia Theatre - Deck 3 Forward
- 4 pm Safety (Lifeboat) Drill
- 4:30 pm SAIL AWAY! Head on up to the upper decks and watch the ship depart if you like.
- 4:45 pm Welcome Cocktail Reception
(featuring Mystery Brewing beer)
Studio B (enter through the On-Air Club, Deck 3 via the Aft elevators)
- 5:45 pm Dinner
Main Dining Room - Deck 3 Aft
- 9 pm Jonathan Coulton (full band show)
(doors 8:30) Studio B
- 10:30 pm "Welcome, New Monkeys" Mixer - Studio B

DAY 2 OFFICIAL MINI-SCHEDULE

- 4 pm JoCo Cruise 2017 - Whatcha Wanna Know?
(doors 3:30) Arcadia Theatre
- 5:30 pm Dinner
Main Dining Room
- 9:30 pm Jean Grae
(doors 9:00) Studio B
- 10:30 pm 6th Annual Paul F. Tompkins Memorial
Moustache Formal Fezstravaganza
Dance Party, with DJ Flans
Studio B

NEW FOR 2016

SEA MONKEY ACTIVITY BOOK

You may have noticed the spiffy little “Sea Monkey Activity Book” you got in your swag bag. You know: the one designed by Lone Shark Games in conjunction with JCC to help you get acquainted with all the JoCo Cruise has to offer, including your fellow Sea Monkeys! Even better: participating earns you raffle tickets for chances to win prizes donated by many of our generous sponsors. Complete details can be found inside the book; details regarding how to claim your raffle tickets will be announced on Day 1.

OFFICIAL PHOTOBOOK AND THE SHUTTERMONKEYS

Completely new for 2016: an Official™ JoCo Cruise 2016 Photobook, a sort of yearbook (weekbook?) that will capture the shows, hangouts, destinations, and general tomfoolery through vivid images and (probably) flip captions. Pics will be harvested all cruise long by the ShutterMonkeys (led by BatSteve a.k.a. Steve Petrucelli). So if you see them...smile! Or don't; do your thing.

Many, many of you already purchased the Photobook online, but you can also purchase it aboard JCC2016 (details tba). BONUS: All profits from sales of the Photobook will go to Pat Rothfuss' Worldbuilders charity, with shipping costs and services provided by our friends at Blackbox (the new fulfilment house being launched by the mad geniuses behind Cards Against Humanity). Neat!



SHARE THE LOVE/BRAG A LITTLE

Whether during the cruise or once back on land, we now have a sparkling-new JoCo Instagram account for showing the world how much fun you are having/had while they are/were slogging around in the snow, not being not at work, etc. Please give us a follow if you partake in the gramming of instants, and feel free to tag us in any of your cruise pictures (including JoCo Cruises of yore).

Also, please use the hashtag #JoCoCruise when sharing JoCo pictures on Instagram, so other Sea Monkeys (and the Sea Monkey-curious) can check out your glorious 2016 adventures.

Not on Instagram? We're also sharing experiences on Twitter and Facebook, using the same hashtag, so Follow and Like to stay connected!

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ONBOARD BOOKING FOR JOCO CRUISE 2017

As you've no doubt already heard, we have big plans for 2017, and would love for you to be part of it. If you haven't already signed up for 2017, look for the "Next Year's JoCo Cruise" sign to lock in your cabin, or stop by the Info desk outside the Game Room for a booking form. To recap the basics:

- **March 4-11, 2017**
- **Sailing from San Diego to ports along the Sea of Cortez**
- **We have the whole ship**

For more info about JCC2017, come by "JoCo Cruise 2017 - Whatcha Wanna Know?" on Monday, at 4PM in the Arcadia Theatre.



PHOTO AND VIDEO POLICY

JoCo Cruise imposes no restrictions on where and when its cruisers may capture light photons and audio waves, and generally encourages you to do so, as well as share those images and recordings with others. JoCo Cruise operates under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-Sharealike license.

That said, four things:

- At times, Royal Caribbean's photo and video policies may be different from JoCo Cruise's. If there's a conflict, we must defer to Royal Caribbean's policy.
- Please be mindful and respectful of others when recording. Do not block aisles or anyone else's view with your equipment or self; or if someone puts their hands up to block their face while you're pointing a camera at them, that probably means they're not in the mood to be recorded.
- Some performers may ask that their performances not be recorded, or indicate that they may be recorded but not publicly reposted. In such cases we ask that everyone respect those requests. We'll do our best to get word out in advance regarding performers' preferences. For example: all recording is prohibited during Tuesday's Comedy Night Concert.

A WORD ABOUT GRATUITIES . . .

Just a reminder that your shipboard gratuities have been pre-paid as part of your JoCo Cruise fare, so you can ignore any of the ship's notifications and reminders about gratuities. If you find that you've been billed for gratuities, call or visit the ship's Guest Services desk. That said, you should of course feel free to give additional amounts to any *Freedom* staff member(s) you feel helped make your experience extra special, or if you just enjoy tippin'!

ONBOARD COMMUNICATIONS

You might have noticed that there's a lot of things on the schedule. **RELAX.** It's cool. Even if it were possible, you don't *have* to do everything. Of course we want to see you at all the Main Performances, but you should always feel free to pick and choose what you want to do. Or even, at times, do nothing at all.

That said, to make it as easy as possible for you to know what's happening when, we, as well as a few enterprising Sea Monkeys, have developed lots of ways to help keep you informed as the week goes along.

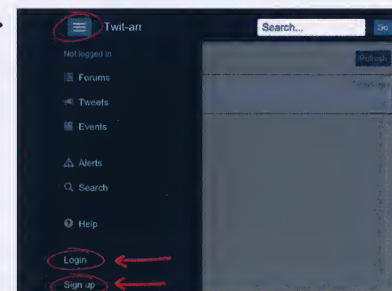
- **The SeaMonkey newsletter will be delivered to your stateroom every day, starting the evening of Day 2.** Thanks to our amazing Helper Monkeys and the incredible Junior Executive Consultants, we'll be printing up and distributing a one-sheet version of *The SeaMonkey* to keep you updated all week long. Yes, there's a full schedule inside this newsletter, but who knows what all else might happen? We don't!
- **Twit-Arr...** is a Twitter-like message board that's free for JoCo Cruisers to use. You don't have to have Internet access to access it, and if you purchase wifi it won't burn your minutes. Complete details of how to sign up and use Twit-arr can be found on the next few pages.
- **The CruiseMonkey App**, also Sea Monkey-developed, puts all the key event info right at your fingertips on your smartphone or tablet. No paid Internet is required to use the app onboard once you have downloaded it (so download it before we set metaphorical sail!)
- **The Helper Monkeys.** At all of JoCo Cruise's Official Events (and many Shadow Cruise events), you'll find the amazing Helper Monkeys, who will have special neon-colored badge lanyards (with "HELPER MONKEY" cleverly written all over them). When a Helper Monkey is "on-duty," he or she can help answer any JoCo Cruise question you might have. And if they don't know the answer, they're empowered to find out. They're also trained people you can turn to if you're concerned about a Code of Conduct violation, or if you need to report a harassment incident. For general *Freedom of the Seas* or related Royal Caribbean questions, please consult the the ship's materials and staff.
- **Helper Monkey Help Desk.** You can also usually find the amazing Helper Monkeys at an info desk just outside the Game Room. BTW, it's mighty keen that the Game Room is sponsored by Steve Jackson Games.
- **Master Control in the Game Room.** Inside the Game Room—which is sponsored by Steve Jackson Games in case you forgot from the last paragraph—we'll have an area set up with tools for Sea Monkeys to organize and communicate. Specifically, there will be easel pads that any Sea Monkey can use to notify everyone about their plans (i.e., "Underwater D&D - Main Pool - Friday 10 am; bring goggles"). We'll also have a table or two where Sea Monkeys can leave flyers or other notices—or just leave notes for one another ("Analog Twitter"). And on the monitors just outside the Game Room (SJ Games is just awesome for having sponsored the Game Room), you'll find an updated list of the day's JoCo Cruise Official and Shadow Cruise activities. Because we and the ship both know how to use PowerPoint.
- **Morning Announcements.** Before each Main Event, we'll make brief announcements about any Official Schedule changes, additions, or other bits of data that will be useful for planning your days.
- **Ask your fellow Sea Monkeys!** They might not know any more than you do, but who knows? And maybe you'll just decide to grab a drink and/or play some MtG or Zombie Dice with your new friend(s) instead.

INSTRUCTIONS ON USING TWIT-ARR

1. Logging In

CruiseMonkey is a full Twit-Arr client for iOS and Android. You can download it from the App store or Google Play. On your device, connect to <http://jcc6.rccl.com>.

You can also use Twit-arr through a web browser connecting to the same address. When first connecting to Twit-arr, you will see the main stream of tweets flowing by. All tweets can be viewed, but to post you must log in. You can do this by using the hamburger menu in the upper corner. The main menu, or the icon with three parallel lines, is the main navigation device in the program. From here, you can move between the tweet stream, the forum section and your seamail. At the bottom of the navigation options are login and sign up buttons. If you were on last year's cruise and used Twit-arr then, you can log in with your old account. If you have forgotten your password, you can click the appropriate link, answer your security question and have your password reset. You can also ask one of the Twit-Arr admins to reset your password if all else fails.



If that doesn't apply to you, click the Sign Up button which takes you to a form where you can specify your username, password, *and* your security question. Because of technical limitations, passwords are being sent over the wireless completely unencrypted. **DO NOT USE** the same password or security question for **ANYTHING ELSE**.

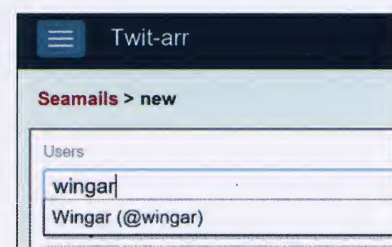
2. Tweets

Once you are logged in, you will be back at the top of the main page where you can see the stream of tweets. You can always get to the tweet stream by clicking the main menu icon in the upper left corner and then selecting tweets. Once you are signed in, you will see a new button in the upper right labelled New Post which allows you to post a new tweet to the stream. You can also reply to a tweet by selecting the tweet and responding in the text box.

By selecting a tweet out of the stream you will see all replies to that tweet, as well as any parent tweets. Photos can be attached to any tweet or reply, although there is a 10mb maximum size.

3. Seamail

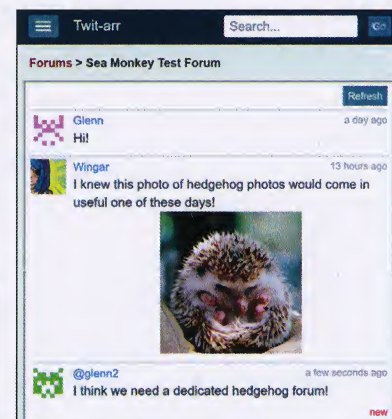
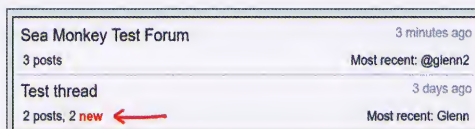
You can find Seamail under the main menu icon in the top left corner. Seamail works like most email clients in which you can send a private message to any number of users. You can search for a user by name and the search box will display any matching users. If you wish to send a seamail to multiple people, type in one name and select the match that the server brings up, then search for the next user you wish to add.



4. Forums

Forums are also accessed under the main menu icon in the top left corner. While the tweet stream shows the most recent reply unconnected to any previous activity until a tweet is accessed, all conversation in a forum is threaded. The thread with the most current reply will be on top, and all replies to the initial post will be shown in order underneath. This makes it a great tool for planning events, having a picture sharing thread, or just discussing a single topic where previous activity won't be lost.

From the top of the forum view, you can see all of the created forums as well as activity that has occurred in each of the forums since your last visit.



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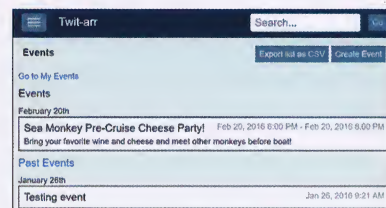
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5. Events

Once you have planned your event in the forum, you can post it for others to see in the events page. When you post your event, you can specify the name of the event, where the event will occur, the time of the event and the number of attendees that can fit into the venue for the event.

On the events index page, there are 3 main sections, the first is the main list of events. It will show 20 per page, have events separated into different days and will only show events that are still upcoming. The next is past events, this will simply show all events that have passed in time, ordered from most recent to least. The third is upcoming events. This shows events that the user has signed up for or favorited ordered from soonest to latest. On the event detail page users can sign up for events, favorite them, see who else has signed up, etcetera. Additionally, if the user is the user that created the event they can edit or delete the event, on editing they can change every detail except the title which is fixed. If a user signs up for an event or favorites one, they will get an alert 30 minutes before the start of the event as a reminder. You can also view only the events you have favorited or signed up for as well as exporting all events to CSV.

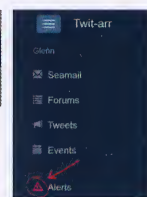
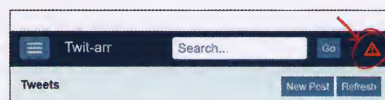
IMPORTANT: any events using JCC-dedicated spaces/times (Game Room, Cloud Nine, etc.) beyond individual game plans (e.g., "let's us 6 play CAH at 2pm") **MUST** be submitted and approved as Shadow Cruise Events; submission forms will be available at the Info Desk outside the Game Room. Events in public spaces are fine, as long as you are mindful of other passengers.



6. Alerts

The next button on the main menu is for alerts. This will show you your unread mail, new mentions in tweets and mentions in forums. If you have new activity, a red icon will appear in the upper right hand corner of the display that will take you directly to the alerts page when pressed.

The alerts menu item in the sidebar will also turn red.



7. Profile

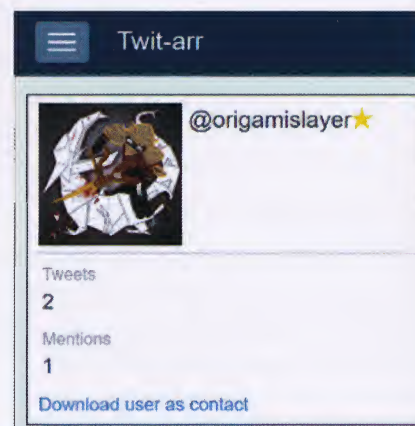
Under the profile option on the main menu, you can change the information that is displayed about you. You can upload a profile picture, change your display name and real name, choose whether to share your cabin number and home town, and alter your email address. Your email can be shared publically or not, depending on whether you check the Public Email check box. Others can view you and select Download as a Contact. This will add the contact information you have chosen to share to their phone via a vcard file. You can also change your password.

8. Search

The search box at the top of the screen allows you to search tweets, events, forums, users and seamail based on the text you enter. Clicking on any search result will take you directly to that item.

9. Stars

In order to track other users you wish to follow, you can select the star next to their profile name. You can reach their profile by selecting their name in any tweet, event or forum post. Once you have selected the star, it will turn solid and you will be following that user. You can get a view of all of the people you are following by selecting Starred Users from the main menu. From there, you can also get a filtered tweet view of only starred users by selecting that link. The Personal Comment field is there for your use and is only visible to you. You might use this field to record someone's room number, their contact info or other notes you wish to take.



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INSTRUCTIONS ON USING TWIT-ARR (cont.)

10. Emoji

To use the emoji, just add the appropriate text surrounded by colons. For example, `:hottub:` becomes



The full list of emojis are:

`buffet` | `die-ship` | `die` | `fez` | `hottub` | `joco` | `pirate` | `ship-front` | `ship` | `towel-monkey` | `tropical-drink` | `zombie`

We hope you enjoy using Twit-Arr this year! If you are having issues, you can visit the Twit-Arr help desk on the first day right outside of registration at the Info Desk. You can also leave us a note at the Info Desk at any time, or find one of the admins who can give you a hand (@wingar, @gbasden, @RangerRick, @OrigamiSlayer)

TWIT-ARR ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- **Grimoire** developed the initial Status.net site that was on JCCC2 and 3.
- **Origamislayers** did much work for the Status.net implementation as well.
- **Glenn Basden** (@gbasden) graciously brings the laptop server and provides technical support.
- **Benjamin Reed** (@RangerRick) wrote CruiseMonkey & did Twit-Arr testing.
- **Nathan Walker** (@Kvort), **James Stapleton** (@tasermonkey), and **Emily Ozols** (@Wingar) took the caterpillar that was JCCC4 Twit-Arr and turned it into the butterfly that was JCC5 Twit-Arr; and then Emily went one better, doing the bulk of the work in implementing for JCC6.

None of this would be here without the invaluable aid of the beta testers & forum contributors, who tested and complained about broken things.

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GAME ROOM (sponsored by Steve Jackson Games) GUIDELINES

We want everyone to feel welcome in the Game Room, sponsored by SJ Games. So there are a few guidelines beyond what's in the Code of Conduct:

- Involve new people in your games! If you see someone who looks curious about what you're playing, and there's an empty spot at the table, ask if they'd like to join or even just watch. You'll probably make a new friend and/or hook someone new on a game that you love playing. Everyone wins!
- There are no restrictions on what activities are allowed, but be mindful—especially during the busiest times—that the Game Room (sponsored by . . . wait for it . . . Steve Jackson Games!) is set up primarily for tabletop games, something that can't happen as easily in most other parts of the ship.
- Many Gaming Track events will be taking places on the upper two levels of the Main Dining Room—the Isaac (Deck 4) and Galileo (Deck 5) Dining Rooms—on sea days.
- You can also game in other public spaces on the ship, such as the various bars, though the tables aren't always as conducive. Particularly not for a full-on game of, say, *Ogre*.
- We have designated the far rear port side corner of the Galileo Dining Room (Deck 5, the top floor of the dining room) as a semi-official RPG space. (The far right back corner as you enter the room.) You are welcome to use this area every day (starting on Day 2) from 8 am to 3 pm. You're of course welcome to game elsewhere; just know that you can spread out your graph paper and miniatures and dice trays and actuarial tables to your hearts' content here.
- Although we've added game capacity, there still could be times when it might be difficult to find a table in the Game Room, particularly at peak times. For that reason, we ask that everyone be mindful of how long they've been at a particular table, and if it's been a long time, consider moving to one of the alternative game locations. Thank you in advance.
- The Helper Monkey Info Desk is right outside the Game Room (which is, in case you've forgotten, sponsored by Steve Jackson Games). So if you have any questions or concerns, please see them if there aren't any Helper Monkeys in the room itself.
- Many Sea Monkeys (and JoCo Cruise itself) bring games that everyone can play, which is amazing and wonderful. Take care of any game you play as if it were your own. If you abuse your own games, take care of others' games as if you weren't a monster.
- Children are welcome in the Game Room, which we're very pleased to report is sponsored by Steve Jackson Games, but children must be accompanied at all times in the Game Room by either a parent or a guardian with whom you have made specific arrangements to do so. While we want all our younger guests to have as great a time as those who have circled the sun more times than they, the space is not intended to function as de facto child care. Also, past experience compels us to note that, while keel-hauling and walking the plank are no longer permitted, the Code of Conduct will be enforced with any JoCo Cruiser, regardless of age.

BITS OF USEFUL INFO THAT DIDN'T FIT ANYWHERE ELSE

MONARCH OF THE SEAS

Shortly before the first Official concert—which is Jonathan Coulton's full band show at 9 pm tonight in Studio B—we'll be crowning this year's "Monarch of the Seas." This is possibly the most important and powerful title in the universe, with a new Monarch chosen each year through a random drawing. If you are selected, get ready to be addressed as "Your Worship," "Grand Moff," "Timelord," "Planeswalker," "Cool Daddy-o," etc., as befits your new status. If you're NOT selected, be ready to address the Monarch of the Seas as noted above, as befits their new status.

NOT SO FAST, NO-FACE!

Due to RCI safety regulations, no full-face masks are allowed in the RCI public areas at any time. So, cosplayers, please be sure that your face (or a reasonable portion thereof) is always visible. Thank you for your cooperation with this RCI policy.

DINING IN STYLE

Our group will occupy the entire lower floor of the main dining room (Deck 3, a.k.a. the Leonardo Dining Room), as well as a sizable section of the second floor (Deck 4, a.k.a. the Isaac Dining Room). Our dinner seating is at 5:30 pm every night (except on Day 1, where we go to dinner at 5:45 pm, so you can get the most out of our Welcome Cocktail Reception). You're of course free to eat elsewhere on the ship any time you like, but why miss the fun? Unless you pre-arranged to have Fixed Seating, you can sit at any table with a white "JoCo Cruise - Open Seating" table tent.

DISCOUNTED INTERNET

If you just can't live without a fresh feed of dank memes, we've arranged a special discounted rate for JoCo Cruisers: \$129.95 per person for the duration of the sailing. Just access the wifi network with your chosen device, enter your credential (name, stateroom, etc.), and select

the \$129.95 package. If for some reason the package isn't visible to you, contact us and we'll help get it sorted out for you.

IMPORTANT: you MUST sign up on Day 1 (embarkation day) to get this rate. Also bear in mind that Internet at sea can be veeery sloooooow, and is not suitable for streaming services of any kind.

Also please note that there are numerous restaurants, internet cafés and other places in both St. Thomas and St. Maarten that provide (often complimentary) Internet access. Again, your mileage may vary, bandwidth- and/or speed-wise.

SHIP TIME / ATLANTIC TIME

DID YOU KNOW: on our voyage, the time on the Freedom will vary depending on where we are, which is very important when it comes to showing up on time to events, making it back to the ship, etc. In prior years, a notice was sent to each cabin by the ship when these changes occur, with details on how you should adjust the time on your watches, laptops, tablets, magic rings, etc. to keep up with the times. **The JCC schedule always takes place on ship time.**

PERFORMER MERCHANDISE AND JOCO CRUISE OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

Many of the performers will have merchandise available for sale immediately after their performances, and/or in the ship's gift shop, where you can also purchase Official JoCo Cruise merchandise. Best of all: you can use your SeaPass for purchases, so you don't have to handle any messy, unsanitary cash, thus reducing the necessity of washing your hands.

If you purchased JoCo Cruise merch online, it should be delivered to your cabin by the end of embarkation day. If for some reason you don't receive it, notify management via a Helper Monkey and we'll figure out what went haywire.

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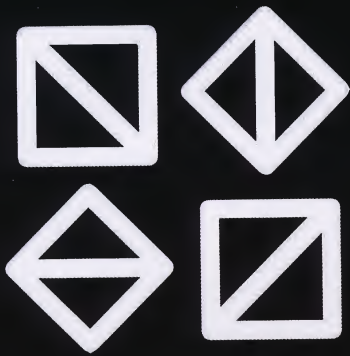
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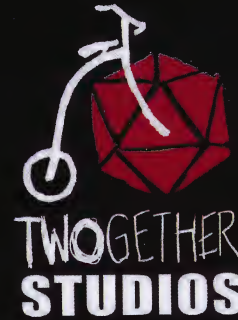


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playing one coin into the pot. After playing a coin, you may withdraw
from the pot any assortment of coins that is worth less than the coin
you put in. For example, if you put in a dime, you may withdraw up to
nine cents. (You should always take back as much as you can.)

The goal is to run your opponent out of coins. Your score is the
number of cents that you have left when your opponent loses his last
coin. Keep score over multiple games, alternating who goes first.

To play with more than two players, use the same rules, with the
turn passing to the left. In this case, when one player is knocked out,
the game is over, and the player with the most money wins.

PLEASE ENJOY THIS DIVERSION WITH OUR
COMPLIMENTS, AND IF YOU SEE JAMES
ERNEST, CHALLENGE HIM TO A GAME!



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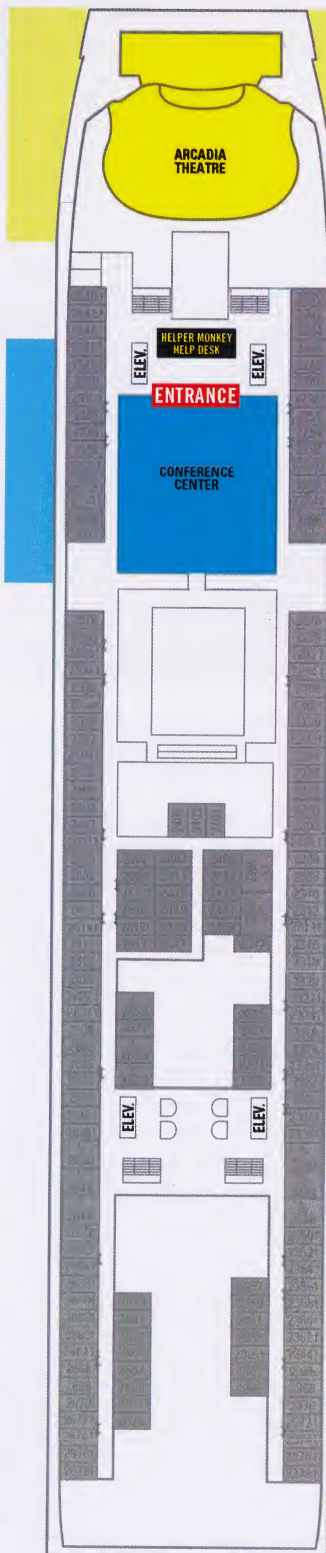
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THINKGEEK

JOIN IN. GEEK OUT.

DECK 2 (D2)

Game Room
JoCo Cruise Info Desk
Arcadia Theatre (main level)



ARCADIA THEATRE

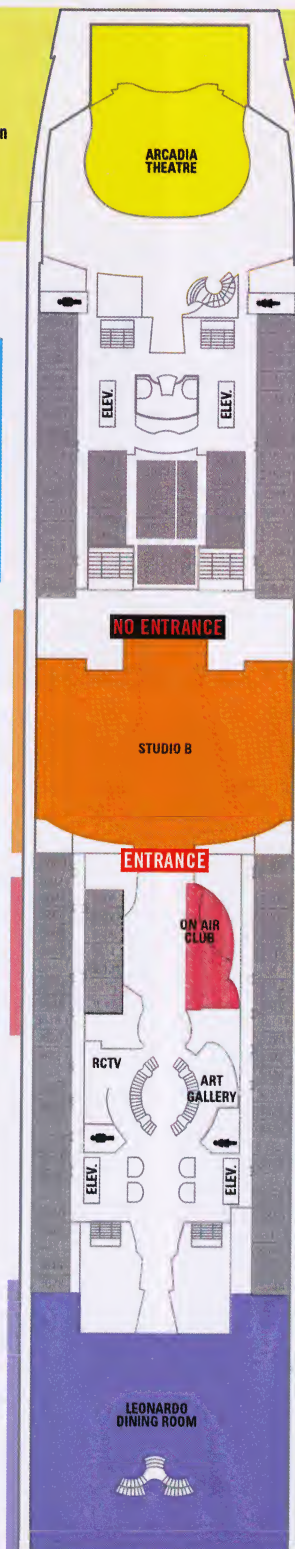
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gather for group photo

GAME ROOM

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Gaming
Panels
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Registration

DECK 3 (D3)

Studio B
On Air Club
Arcadia Theatre (first balcony)
Leonardo Dining Room (main level)



NO ENTRANCE

STUDIO B

ENTRANCE

ON AIR CLUB

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LEONARDO DINING ROOM

STUDIO B

Cocktail parties
Rock shows
Dance parties
Ice skating
(enter from D3 Aft)

ON AIR CLUB

JCC Karaoke

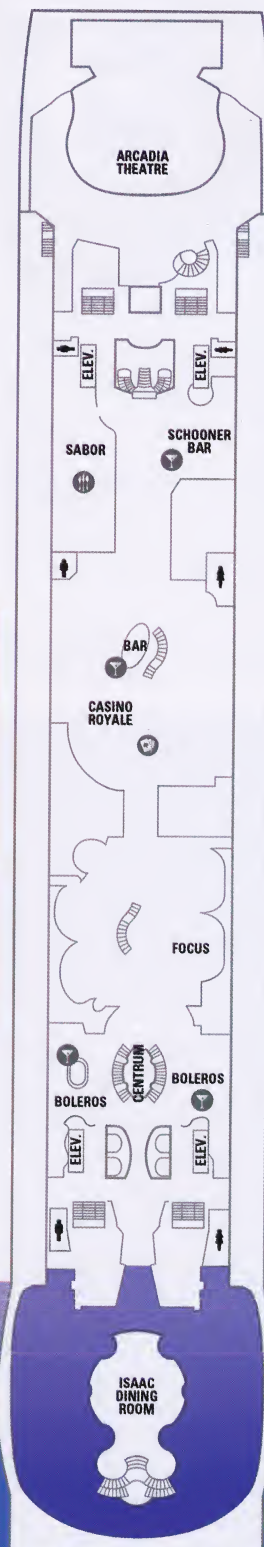
LEONARDO & ISAAC DINING ROOMS

Dinner at 6PM

(JoCo Cruise has most of the room on D3 and most of the overlooking seating on D4)

DECK 4 (D4)

Isaac Dining Room (middle level)



ARCADIA THEATRE

SABOR

SCHOONER BAR

BAR

CASINO ROYALE

FOCUS

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DECK 5 (D5)

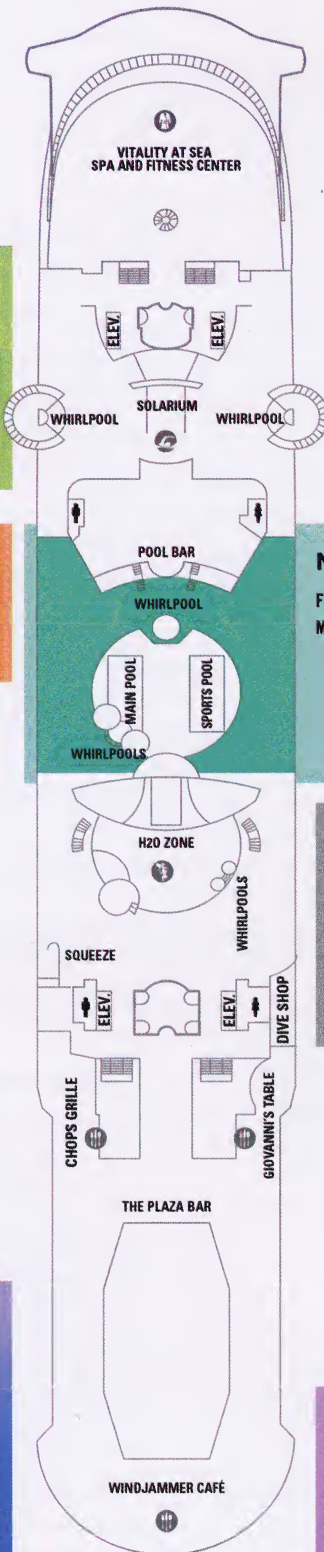
Star Lounge
Galileo Dining Room (top level)



PORT STARBOARD

DECK 11 (D11)

Main Pool

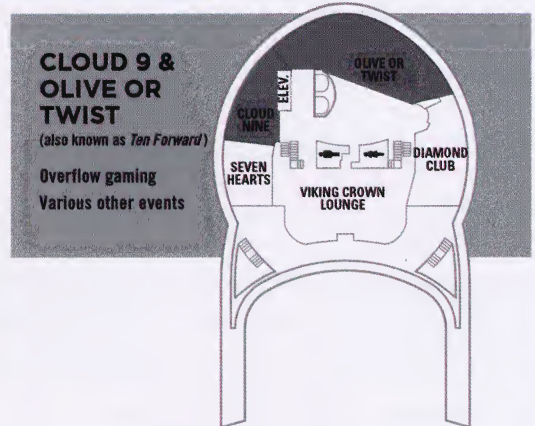


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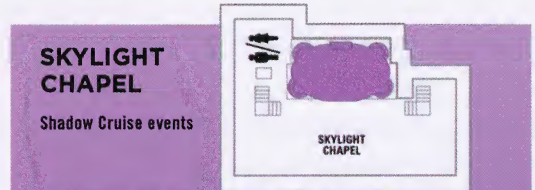
DECK 14 (D14)

"Ten Forward"



DECK 15 (D15)

Skylight Chapel



PORT STARBOARD

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JOCO CRUISE CODE OF CONDUCT

Be excellent to each other. We expect that everyone will treat their fellow Sea Monkeys with kindness and respect. Always remember that everyone is here to have fun!

Don't harass others. Of course differences can exist among even the most reasonable of people. We're talking about all kinds of physical, verbal and sexual harassment, including intolerance for diverse races, genders, and sexualities, not to mention bullying, unwanted romantic attention, and generally creepy or stalky behavior. Don't be a jerk, you jerk.

Be excellent to the ship's staff, non-JoCo cruisers, and anyone you encounter at a port of call. Bad behavior by individuals reflects poorly on our group as a whole, and we want to be Those Awesome People, and not the much-maligned *Those People*.

Don't take or borrow things that aren't yours without explicit permission. There are plenty of games provided by JoCo Cruise and Sea Monkeys for common use in the Game Room. Other people's mobile phones, cameras, towels, and swim trunks? Off limits, and yuck!

Don't use illegal substances or bring them onboard. No exceptions.

The ship's management has the final say. The officers and crew of the *Freedom of the Seas* all want you to have

fun, but they're also responsible for the safety and well-being of every person on board. Don't hesitate to come to us if you need help dealing with an issue, but know that if it involves the ship and its operations, ultimately we must defer to the *Freedom's* management.

In general we expect that as in years past, JoCo Cruisers will act responsibly and look after one another. But in the event of a breach of this Code of Conduct, JoCo Cruise reserves the right to take disciplinary action, including limiting access to certain spaces on the ship or, in extreme cases, expulsion.

If you witness behavior contrary to this Code of Conduct, are concerned about another JoCo Cruise attendee's behavior, or feel that you are being or have been harassed, contact any Helper Monkey or member of the JoCo Cruise management team. If you feel there is an imminent threat, or have general safety concerns, alert the ship's personnel.

Incidents involving non-JoCo Cruisers should be brought to the ship's attention, and to JoCo Cruise management thereafter.

The full text of JoCo Cruise's Harassment Violation Response Process is available upon request.

THE HOME AWAY FROM HOME OFFICE

There are many other people who make significant contributions to making JoCo Cruise a fun and memorable time (most especially the Helper Monkeys), but these are the people who are responsible for this glorious mess...

Jonathan Coulton—CEO and Ringleader

Paul Sabourin—COE (Chief of Events) and School Principal

Storm DiCostanzo—CFO and Coach Cruise

Drew Westphal, a.k.a. Scarface—CIO and Evil UberHenchman

Anna, a.k.a. Scarface II—Office Manager and Hoopy Frood

Bob Gorski, a.k.a. rhaje—Volunteer Coordinator and Chaotic Neutral Gopher

Thera Heller—Cruise Mom and Organizational Ninja
LOOKOUT NOW!

Josh Meridith—Shadow Tech and Emereffing Sorcerer

Leon Banossian—Cruise Guru and Guy You Really Should Have a Drink With

Jared Hankins—Stage Production Manager / The Guy Who Is Making Everything Sound Great

Sara Scrimshaw—Stage Manager and Lead Scrimshaw (look it up; it's a real job)

Kim Evey—Performer and Sponsor Relations / Arch-Conjurer

Danielle Davis—On-Site Relations / Special Ops Commando

The Junior Executive Consultants: Nathaniel Granor, Christian Griffin, Helen McCreary, Andrew O'Donnell, Joel Pattison, John Brunette, Kelsey Westphal, and The Mysterious Intern X

JOCO CRUISE 2016 — MAIN EVENTS SCHEDULE GRID

	Sun Jan 21 1 - Ft Lauderdale	Mon Jan 22 2 - CocoCay	Tues Jan 23 3 - At Sea	Weds Jan 24 4 - Charlotte Amalie	Thurs Jan 25 5 - Philipsburg	Fri Jan 26 6 - At Sea	Sat Jan 27 7 - At Sea	
7AM								7AM
8AM								8AM
9AM				Management Q & A				9AM
10AM								10AM
11AM				All Things Podcasts, with Matt Gourley				11AM
NOON					PHILIPSBURG, ST. MAARTEN 8AM - 5PM		I Was There, Too with Guest Aimee Mann	NOON
1PM	REGISTRATION		Eban Schletter and His Magical, Mystical Theremin					1PM
2PM				CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS NOON - 7PM		CONCERT: JOHN HODGMAN, CELEBRITY GAME NIGHT AFTERNOON	CONCERT: JONATHAN COULTON & FRIENDS	2PM
3PM	New Monkey Orientation		CONCERT: ALLIE BROSH, PAUL & STORM					3PM
4PM		JoCo Cruise 2017: Whatcha Wanna Know?			Group Photo			4PM
5PM	Welcome Cocktail Reception							5PM
6PM								6PM
7PM	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	7PM
8PM	JCC Karaoke	JCC Karaoke	JCC Karaoke	LGBTQSA Cocktail Meetup JCC Karaoke Open Mic Night		JCC Karaoke	JCC Karaoke	8PM
9PM	CONCERT: Jonathan Coulton				CONCERT: IMOGEN HEAP, SPONTANEANATION	Fancy Pants Parade		9PM
10PM		CONCERT: Jean Grae	Teach Aimee Mann to Be a Nerd	Karaoke Night on the "Big Stage"		Movie Night	Farewell Cocktail Reception	10PM
11PM	"Welcome New Monkeys!" Mixer	The 6th Annual Paul F. Tompkins Moustache Formal Foztstravaganza Dance Party, with DJ Flans	CONCERT: Comedy Night	Molly Lewis		The Jim Boggia Hour		11PM
MIDNIGHT				The Both After Dark	The Show Show with Jean Grae			MIDNIGHT
1AM								1AM
2AM								2AM

(SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF MAIN EVENTS

NOTE: Schedule is subject to change. Official, current schedule information can be found at jococruise2016.sched.org

MAIN EVENTS

These are the “big shows” of the week—the main performances in the Arcadia Theatre and Studio B, cocktail parties, and other events designed for full group participation. We don’t schedule any other official events to conflict with a Main Event.

FEATURED EVENTS

Other events, in smaller venues, often featuring our performers and guests—office hours, side concerts, meetups, karaoke, and tons of other fun things.

GAMING TRACK

New and improved for 2016! Jenn Ellis and Keith Baker (of Twogether Studios, makers of *Phoenix: Dawn Command*) have once again helped us put together an expanded roster of events designed to encourage people to try new games, learn more about their favorite games, and give those new to modern tabletop gaming a place to start.

WRITING TRACK

It was a hit in 2015, so bestselling and award-winning veteran Sea Monkeys John Scalzi and Pat Rothfuss are bringing back events about writing and the creative process to JoCo Cruise 2016. Whether you’re an aspiring writer or just enjoy hearing about the craft, we have a full week’s worth of panels, readings and events for you.

OFFICE HOURS

Meetups, drinkups, and hangouts with JCC’s various performers, featured guests and game designers. Mingle, ask questions, get answers, and enjoy the company!

DAY 1 — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
11:30 am	Registration	Game Room	Stop by the Conference Center sometime before 3:30 pm to pick up your JoCo Cruise badge (which gets you access to all JCC2016 events), your swag bag, and a copy of the <i>SeaMonkey</i> Newsletter.
2:45 pm	New Monkey Orientation	Arcadia Theatre	New to the cruise? Find out what to expect, and ask any questions you might have about the week ahead. Others are welcome to attend as well, if you could use a refresher. Get orientated!
4:45 pm	Welcome Cocktail Reception	Studio B	Mingle, see old friends, meet new friends, and get your money's worth of free cocktails and soft drinks, including custom beers from Mystery Brewing. Get 'em while you can! Also a great place to start on the Sea Monkey Activity Book (brought to you by Lone Shark Games), especially if you're a first time JoCo Cruiser (a "New Monkey").
5:45 pm	DINNER	Dining Room	Let's eat!
7:30 pm	JCC Karaoke	On Air Club	You know how karaoke works. And this is a time you can do it.
9:00 pm	Concert: JONATHAN COULTON	Studio B	The face that launched five ships (one per year) starts things off right, in power trio formation.
10:30 pm	"Welcome, New Monkeys!" Mixer	Studio B	Our experienced Sea Monkeys are encouraged to hang around and get to know our new Sea Monkey friends. Walk on up and introduce yourself! Everyone is friends here! Not sure how to start? Try the Sea Monkey Activity book included with your swag.

DAY 2 — MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

CocoCay, Bahamas — 7:00 am to 4:00 pm

4:00 pm	JoCo Cruise 2017 — Whatcha Wanna Know?	Arcadia Theatre	The Management answers any and all of your questions about JoCo Cruise 2017. Whether you're already booked or interested in booking, this is your one-stop-shopping source for information.
5:30 pm	DINNER	Dining Room	Mangia!
7:30 pm	JCC Karaoke	On Air Club	You know how karaoke works. And this is another time you can do it.
8:00 pm	What's New at Steve Jackson Games?	St. Thomas Room (conference center)	Meet Steve Jackson and Andrew Hackard and hear what's new at SJ Games! Secrets WILL be revealed!
9:30 pm	Concert: JEAN GRAE	Studio B	Get ready for high-energy fun! Last year Jean won our hearts, and got an entire room full of Sea Monkeys dancing and moving and loving every minute of it. She's back again this year, and we're pretty sure she's going to own the entire ship before the end of the week.
10:30 pm	The 6th Annual Paul F. Tompkins Memorial Moustache Formal Fezstravaganza Dance Party, with DJ Flans	Studio B	Fezzes (not required), mustaches (provided), fancy dress, a memorial event for a man who is not dead and is in fact present . . . come hang out with your fellow Sea Monkeys at JCC's second- or third-silliest—and awesomest—tradition! And dance the night away to a soundtrack provided by DJ Flans (They Might Be Giants' own John Flansburgh)!

MAIN EVENT

FEATURED EVENT

GAMING TRACK

WRITING TRACK

OFFICE HOURS

DAY 3 — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
9:00 am	Magic: The Gathering	Isaac Dining Room (D4)	Learn to play <i>Magic: The Gathering</i> ! All participants will be given a starter deck. Eight participants will be chosen by lottery to participate in the People's Tournament.
11:00 am	Table Top Taste Test	Isaac Dining Room (D4)	<p>The cruise is a spectacular time to try new things . . . so why not try a new game? The Tabletop Taste Test lets you take a twenty-minute taste of a game, then move on and try another. By the end of an hour, you'll know how to play up to three new games—games you can find in the game room and play again at your leisure. It's a great opportunity to try something new and get to meet some fellow Monkeys in the process. In addition, a few lucky players will win FABULOUS PRIZES from our sponsors, including the chance to play Munchkin with Steve Jackson! (Winners will be announced at the Tuesday afternoon concert.)</p> <p>The Taste Test is broken into three one-hour sessions: 11 AM - noon, noon - 1:00 PM, and 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Stop by the Information Desk to sign up for a slot!</p>
noon	Titansgrave: Ashes of Valkana	Olive or Twist	A talk with Chris Pramas and Wil Wheaton, covering the Titansgrave webseries/RPG.
1:00 pm	Eban Schletter and His Magical, Mystical Theremin	Olive or Twist	<p>Eban Schletter can actually play the theremin—you know, that spooky “oooo00000000oooooh” thing that sounds like aliens in ‘50s sci fi movies. Come hear Eban play the theremin in different styles, and—no kidding—come TRY IT FOR YOURSELF.</p> <p>ooooooo0000000000oooo0000000000ooooooo000oooo...</p>
1:00 pm	Munchkin Shakespeare	Jamaica Room (conference center)	Come playtest the set you helped write: Munchkin Shakespeare!
2:30 pm	Concert: ALLIE BROSH, PAUL & STORM	Arcadia Theatre	<p>She's new to JoCo Cruise, but widely known for the wit and heart she brings to her webcomic <i>Hyperbole and a Half</i>, as well as her <i>New York Times</i> bestselling book (with another on the way). So please to give her the warmest of welcomes!</p> <p>Sharing the show are Paul and Storm, a.k.a. Principal Sabourin and Coach Cruise, who will bring their own mix of music, comedy, and who knows what else to the stage.</p>
5:30 pm	DINNER	Dining Room	Bon appétit!
7:30 pm	JCC Karaoke	On Air Club	You know how karaoke works. And this is yet another time you can do it.
7:30 pm	Office Hours: the Looneys	Cloud 9	This is your chance to ask the Looneys anything. You can look through Andy's notebook of unpublished Fluxx designs, ask Kristin about the business of selling games, learn more about the Pyramid Arcade Kickstarter and other upcoming Looney Labs projects, or even hear stories about their younger days at NASA.

DAY 3 — CONTINUED

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
7:30 pm	The Business of Writing	Star Lounge	Writing is not just a craft or an art: those who make a living at it are running a small (and sometimes not-so-small) business as well. We dig into the practical side of the writing gig—what it takes, behind the scenes, to pay the bills and still make the work you love to read.
8:30 pm	Comedy Songwriting	Star Lounge	Songwriting is tricky enough as it is. Now you want us to be funny, too? And yet some people manage it—this very cruise is testament to the fact it can happen. We ask out songwriters to crack open the mysteries of comedy songwriting, and what it takes to make people laugh and sing along.
9:30 pm	Teach Aimee Mann to Be a Nerd	Star Lounge	<p>Aimee Mann likes nerds just fine. (She's on her second straight JoCo Cruise, after all.) But she is not a nerd. She's never read Harry Potter, she doesn't own any 20-sided dice, and she is entirely unfamiliar with the work of Joss Whedon. But she wants to understand you all better. She genuinely wants to learn—what you do, what you like, how you think. And she wants your help.</p> <p>Join moderator Ted Leo as he, with your help, develops a “Nerd Syllabus” to help guide Aimee on the Path to understanding the various enthusiasms that help define “nerddom.” Or, at least, help her to know the difference between an orc and a kobold.</p>
10:45 pm	Concert: COMEDY NIGHT	Arcadia Theatre	One of our favorite new traditions, we turn the Arcadia Theatre into a floating comedy club (but with more comfortable seats and no terrible, terrible nachos), as we welcome talented standups Solomon Georgio, Rhea Butcher, Michael Ian Black and Cameron Esposito. (Recording prohibited at this event.)

MAIN EVENT

FEATURED EVENT

GAMING TRACK

WRITING TRACK

OFFICE HOURS

DAY 4 — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas — noon to 7:00 pm

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
9:00 am	Management Q & A	Star Lounge	An annual, hangover-riddled tradition: the Management (a.k.a. Jonathan, Paul, Storm, and Drew (Scarface)) will be on hand to answer your questions about JoCo Cruise. Or pretty much anything else. Yes, it's early. Yes, last night was a late night. We know.
10:00 am	Sausage Party Mega-Tournament!	Jamaica Room (conference center)	Paul and Storm wrote a song called "Sausage Party"! Mike Selinker wrote a game about it! For the first time in public, we're gonna play it! (Spoiler Alert: it's completely madcap. Maybe even MADALLCAPS.) You should be there when it happens, because, mmm, sausages
10:00 am	Andy vs. Everyone	Galileo Dining Room (D5)	Andy Looney loves playing multiple games simultaneously. He can play up to 10 separate games at once, with as many as 40 or 50 people at one time! It's great fun watching him run from one table to the next, taking his turns as fast as he can! How many people can Andy take on at once? Challenge him to any Looney Labs game in print, or ask to try one of his unpublished prototypes!
10:00 am	Playtest Parlor	Isaac Dining Room (D4)	Would you like to try a game you won't find anywhere else? Do you have a game you've been working on that you'd like to test? The Playtest Parlor is an informal event where any and all game designers—sponsors and passengers alike—can present games that are under development! Come play a game or just wander from table to table and see what people are working on!
10:00 am	Married with Creativity	Star Lounge	It's not a surprise that creative people marry other creative people. But once coupled up, how do these spouses face the challenges of two full-time creative careers running at the same time? We dig into the day-to-day of being spouses and being creative, and what it take to make both work.
10:30 am	All Things Podcasts, with Matt Gourley	Jamaica Room (conference center)	As a creator, host and guest of numerous podcasts (including <i>Superego</i> , <i>I Was There Too</i> , <i>James Bonding</i> and <i>Pistol Shrimps Radio</i> , just to name a few), Matt Gourley leads an informal chat or Q&A about developing, creating, being on, hosting, editing, loving, listening to, the business of, and future of podcasts. (Recording prohibited at this event.)
11:00 am	Cthulhu's Vault	Galileo Dining Room (D5)	Come learn about and play this exciting, collaborative storytelling card game, IF YOU DARE. Can you defeat the Old Great One? Will you get sidetracked by the Great Old One? Will it get completely silly, with you chronicling the adventures of the One Great Old? It's up to you, and as many as five other players.
11:00 am	Sentinel Comics: The RPG!	St. Thomas Room (conference center)	Be a super hero and save the world in this preview event for the upcoming Sentinel Comics RPG! Christopher Badell—game designer and writer of Sentinel Comics stories—will GM a one-shot super-heroic adventure! Will you be able to stop Baron Blade's villainous plot?!



MAIN EVENT



FEATURED EVENT



GAMING TRACK



WRITING TRACK



OFFICE HOURS

DAY 4 — CONTINUED

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
11:00 am	Reading: N. K. Jemisin	Star Lounge	Speculative fiction writer, blogger, and Hugo, Nebula and World Fantasy Award nominee N. K. Jemisin offers an “audience choice” reading—she’ll bring her latest novel in the new Broken Earth trilogy, and a forthcoming short story, and decide what to read based on the crowd’s preference. It’s just like a “Choose Your Own Adventure” book, but with a room full of people and with reading aloud instead of an adventure!
5:30 pm	DINNER	Dining Room	Guten Appetit! Mahlzeit!
7:00 pm	LGBTQSA Cocktail Meetup	Olive or Tist	Begun on the <i>ms Westerdam</i> during JoCo Cruise 2012, the annual LGBTQSA happy hour celebrates its 5th year of having extra letters at the end of its acronym and being a low key get-together for Sea Monkeys of all persuasions.
7:30 pm	JCC Karaoke	On Air Club	You <i>still</i> know how karaoke works. And this is still another time you can do it.
7:30 pm	Office Hours: Mike Selinker	Cloud 9	Come to Cloud 9 and hang out with Mike, who very probably designed a bunch of games in your house. Maybe you’ve played the <i>Pathfinder Adventure Card Game</i> or <i>Betrayal at House on the Hill</i> or any of his other creations. He’ll talk about boardgames, RPGs, puzzles, Japanese Kit-Kats, or whatever you like. He will probably drink whatever you hand him.
8:00 pm	Open Mic Night	Star Lounge	A JoCo Cruise tradition. The stage will be yours for 10 minutes to present to the assembled: songs, readings, iPhone bell choirs, it’s up to you! Sign up sheets will be at the JCC Info desk outside the Game Room starting on Day 1, with slots assigned on a first-come basis.
9:00 pm	Karaoke Night on the “Big Stage”	Studio B	Another annual tradition: your chance to sing on the “big stage” in Studio B. It’s like <i>American Idol</i> , but completely different. Hosted by Paul F. Tompkins and John Roderick.
11:00 pm	Molly Lewis	Star Lounge	Perennial Sea Monkey fave and Extraordinarily Charming Individual Molly Lewis brings her wit and ukulele to the Star Lounge. CAUTION: performance may contain sarcasm, heart, and, if you’re good, Abraham Lincoln.
midnight	The Both After Dark	Star Lounge	Ted Leo and Aimee Mann (a.k.a., The Both) take us past midnight with a cool vibe of music, sophisticated and smoky banter, and possibly a smoking jacket or two. Very likely: new songs and special guests. Far less likely: appearances by Buddy Rich, Moms Mabley or Norman Mailer.

DAY 5 — THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Philipsburg, St. Maarten — 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
4:15 pm	Group Photo	Arcadia Theatre	We'll all gather in the Arcadia Theatre at 4:15 pm, then head out to the ship's bow at 4:30 for our traditional group photo. Say cheese!
5:30 pm	DINNER	Dining Room	iBuen provecho!
8:00 pm	Concert: Imogen Heap, SPONTANEANATION Live	Arcadia Theatre	<p>Imogen Heap brings her literally inventive music—she created a new technology, Mimu Gloves, to realize her creative vision—to the JoCo Cruise stage. And while she did not invent cellist and JoCo Cruise alum Zoë Keating, she is bringing Zoë to join her on stage for what is sure to be an amazing set of true virtuosity.</p> <p>Then, Paul F. Tompkins' SPONTANEANATION takes over for a live podcast recording. The first half will be a “serious” interview with Jean Grae; then Paul and his all-star team of improvisers (Matt Gourley, Amanda Lund and Janet Varney) will improvise a long-form story based around the interview.</p>
midnight	The Show Show with Jean Grae	Star Lounge	Do you like live talk shows? Chats with your favorite celebrities? Commercials for products you wish existed? The NEWS? Well, fantastic. Everything on that list is here, and more. With guests Rhea Butcher and Cameron Esposito. Come to this, or you'll get scurvy.

MAIN EVENT

FEATURED EVENT

GAMING TRACK

WRITING TRACK

OFFICE HOURS

DAY 6 — FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
10:00 am	Sentinel Comics: The RPG!	Galileo Dining Room (D5)	Be a super hero and save the world in this preview event for the upcoming Sentinel Comics RPG! Christopher Badell—game designer and writer of Sentinel Comics stories—will GM a one-shot super-heroic adventure! Will you be able to stop Baron Blade's villainous plot?!
10:00 am	Magic: People's Tournament	Isaac Dining Room (D4)	The eight people chosen in the Magic Meetup event compete in a single-elimination tournament for a chance to face our Celebrity Champion!
10:30 am	Reading: John Scalzi	Olive or Twist	John Scalzi is gonna read some new stuff! Some of it might even be funny!
11:00 am	Chez Cruise Jam Session	Jamaica Room (conference center)	Once again, we're asking you guys to help us write a game. This time, it's Chez Cruise—the geeks are on vacation, but they still need Slack!
noon	Reading: Pat Rothfuss	Olive or Twist	Bestselling author Pat Rothfuss stands in front of a microphone and reads some new stuff he wrote. Perhaps some old stuff as well. He might answer questions too. Or maybe not. We'll see how he feels on that day.
12:30 pm	The JV Club	Star Lounge	Remember what it was like to be an awkward teenager? And remember how some things haven't really changed that much for you since then? Join proud dork Janet Varney as she explores the highs and lows of the bygone years with some of her favorite women (as they talk their way through the terrible teens into adult-lescence. Joining Janet is Zoë Keating, the innovative singer-songwriter/cellist/wizard who knocked us all flat on JoCo Cruise 2014.
1:00 pm	You Live, You Die, You Tell Your Story	Galileo Dining Room (D5)	How do you create a hero? How does the tale of a life—and death—create hooks for a story still to be told? In this hour you'll be guided through the character creation system of <i>Phoenix: Dawn Command</i> to develop the life and death story of your hero. Whether you're playing the game or writing a novel, join us and see how your story begins! All materials will be provided.
1:00 pm	Designing a Family Game	Jamaica Room (conference center)	James Ernest, designer of games such as <i>12 Days</i> , <i>Pairs</i> , and <i>Kill Doctor Lucky</i> , talks about the principles involved in designing traditional-style family games. With the right blend of strategy and luck, and accessible rules, these are games that family members, casual gamers and hardcore gamers can enjoy together.
1:00 pm	Office Hours: Matt Fraction & Kelly Sue DeConnick	Olive or Twist	Authors Kelly Sue DeConnick and Matt Fraction will hang out, discuss their work, answer questions, smile indulgently at pictures of your children, and whatever else they care to do. See them up close, like the zebras and lemurs at the zoo! (NOTE: Kelly Sue and Matt smell much better than zoo animals.)
2:00 pm	Concert: John Hodgman, Celebrity Game Night Afternoon	Arcadia Theatre	Author, actor, humorist and self-appointed judge John Hodgman performs this afternoon. After that, various combinations of performers and guests will take part in fun, high-energy games for your collective enjoyment, like non-violent versions of the gladiators of old. ARE YOU NOT ENTERTAINED?
5:30 pm	DINNER	Dining Room	This ship will not stop serving us food. Eat, or else!

DAY 6 — CONTINUED

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
7:30 pm	JCC Karaoke	On Air Club	Like the previous Karaoke events, but later in the week.
7:30 pm	Office Hours: Keith Baker, Twogether Studios	Cloud 9	Keith Baker is the designer of <i>Gloom</i> , <i>Eberron</i> , <i>v</i> , and the worst Dolphins In Space videogame to never be made. Stop by and talk about games, game design, dolphins, and more!
7:30 pm	In Conversation with N. K. Jemisin	Star Lounge	She's outspoken, opinionated and hands down one of the best fantasy writers writing today, and we have her on the cruise! John Scalzi sits with Jemisin to talk about writing, life, and what it's like to be in the genre of science fiction and fantasy today.
8:30 pm	Office Hours: Gavin Verhey	Cloud 9	A chance to talk with Gavin Verhey of Wizards of the Coast about <i>Magic: The Gathering</i> , game design, and surviving Cruise catastrophes!
8:30 pm	Life Online: Putting the Meme in Memoir	Star Lounge	These days, sharing details about your life on the internet is pretty normal, but some of share way more than your average person. Way, way more than your average person. What effect does this have on our lives, what lessons have we learned, and what are the lines that we ourselves won't cross? Come join us as we tell war stories and discuss the pros and cons of doing what we do.
8:45 pm	Fancy Pants Parade	Pool Deck	Do you have what it takes to be The Best in Terms of Pants? Bring your fanciest pants, and march around to the strains of Jonathan Coulton's silliest, weirdest song, and the Monarch of the Seas will determine if the trophy goes to you.
9:00 pm	Movie Night	Pool Deck	Grab a drink from the pool bar, relax on a lounge chair—or in a hot tub!—and settle in for a night under the stars watching two stone classics: <i>The Iron Giant</i> and <i>Galaxy Quest</i> .
10:00 pm	The Jim Boggia Hour	Star Lounge	It's Jim Boggia's stage, which he will fill with musical awesome. And anything goes: last year he organized a complete playthrough of Paul McCartney's <i>Band on the Run</i> album.

MAIN EVENT

FEATURED EVENT

GAMING TRACK

WRITING TRACK

OFFICE HOURS

DAY 7 — SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
10:00 am	Sentinel Comics: The RPG!	Galileo Dining Room (D5)	Be a super hero and save the world in this preview event for the upcoming Sentinel Comics RPG! Christopher Badell - game designer and writer of Sentinel Comics stories - will GM a one-shot super-heroic adventure! Will you be able to stop Baron Blade's villainous plot?!
10:00 am	Talk About Tak	Isaac Dining Room (D4)	Patrick Rothfuss and James Ernest talk about <i>Tak</i> . This new board game was first described in <i>The Wise Man's Fear</i> , and now Pat and James have made it a real thing. <i>Tak</i> is an abstract strategy game for two players, falling somewhere between classic games like chess, go, and mancala. Learn about the design processes behind creating a new classic game, and play <i>Tak</i> with the inventors!
10:00 am	Magic: Contest of Champions	Isaac Dining Room (D4)	The Champion of the People's Tournament faces off against our Celebrity Champion!
noon	I Was There Too, with Guest Aimee Mann	Olive or Twist	If you're like Matt Gourley (<i>Superego</i> , <i>Drunk History</i> , <i>Comedy Bang! Bang!</i>), then you know all the classic movie and television scenes so well it's like you were in the room when they happened. Well, you weren't. And neither was he. But the people Matt interviews were! Listen in as they tell the inside stories of how cinema and television history was made from a fly-on-the-wall perspective you've never heard. Matt's guest for <i>I Was There Too: JoCo Cruise</i> is Aimee Mann. The topic: her time on <i>The Big Lebowski</i> and at least one or two questions about what it's like being in a Rush video. (Recording prohibited at this event.)
noon	Play Munchkin with Steve Jackson	Isaac Dining Room (D4)	Come watch as four lucky Sea Monkeys match wits with the Master of <i>Munchkin</i> , Steve Jackson! (Participate in Tuesday's Table Top Taste Test for a chance to be one of the players!)
noon	Should This Be the Last "Women in Gaming" Panel You Attend?—A Round Table Discussion	St. Thomas Room (conference center)	We don't know . . . what do you think? We've all seen Women In Gaming panels at conventions. They're almost mandatory for female designers and company executives these days. But are we helping or hurting ourselves with these gender-specific panels? Does our anatomy make a difference in our gaming experience? Come join in on a round-table discussion led by Lone Shark's CEO, Marie Poole, featuring game industry guests Kristin Looney of Looney Labs, Elisa Teague of Lone Shark Games, and Christopher Badell of Greater Than Games.
1:00 pm	Office Hours: Wil Wheaton	Olive or Twist	Wil Wheaton hangs out and talks about . . . well, whatever the heck he wants to talk about.
2:30 pm	Concert: Jonathan Coulton & Friends	Olive or Twist	A final concert from Jonathan, with on-stage collaborations with many of the week's performers, and closing once again with the traditional "Sloop John B" singalong. Feels!
5:30 pm	DINNER	Dining Room	Oof. Okay; just one more bite . . . [faints]
7:30 pm	JCC Karaoke	On Air Club	Final chance for JCC karaoke. Sing through the sadness!
9:00 pm	Farewell Cocktail Reception	Pool Deck	Reminisce about the week. Exchange contact information with your new friends. Look at all the great pictures you took. Try to fight off the impending end of the week. We will miss you all, too! Also: free drinks.

SPECIAL JOCO CRUISE DRINK LIST

Ask for them by name at JoCo Cruise events!

DRINK NAME	TRANSLATION/RECIPE
JoCo LoCo	Coco Loco
Large Hadron Colada	Pina Colada
Skullcrusher	Navy Grog (or similar)
Thirst of May	Sex on the Beach 1-1/2 oz vodka 1/2 oz peach schnapps 2 oz cranberry juice 2 oz orange juice
Artificial Heart	Bloody Mary
Sucker Punch	Whisky Sour
Paul and Stormy	Dark and Stormy Dark rum Ginger Beer (NOT Ginger Ale)
Nemeses	Black & Tan (Guinness & Bass)
Pan-Galaetic	1 oz Jack Daniel's Tennessee whiskey
Gargle Blaster	1 oz peach schnapps 4 - 6 oz orange juice 1 splash Blue Curacao liqueur
A Gift for You	1/2 oz (half a pony) rum 1 oz (too much) banana liqueur
The Long Winter (Brain Duster)	1 oz rye whiskey 1 oz Pernod 1 oz Italian vermouth dash Angostura bitters
Wang Wang	1/4 oz vodka 1/4 oz gin 1/4 oz white rum 1/4 oz scotch 1/4 oz bourbon 1/4 oz tequila 1/4 Triple Sec 1/4 oz brandy Top with pineapple and orange juices Add a splash of grenadine
+10 Ball of Fire	Double-shot of Fireball Whiskey
Kickstarter	Mimosa

NEW MONKEY INFORMATION

Everyone's a first-timer at least once. If that describes you now, you are in luck: veteran Sea Monkeys are fun and friendly, and we've also put a few things in motion on Day 1 to get you up and funning:

- There will be a New Monkey Orientation session at 2:45 pm in the Arcadia Theatre (Deck 2 Forward). We'll talk about what to expect and answer any and all questions you may have about the week ahead. Veteran Sea Monkeys are of course welcome to attend, but please reserve the seats toward the front for New Monkeys. Get orientated!
- Attend the "Welcome New Monkeys" mixer immediately following the Sunday night JoCo concert. Sea Monkeys are the nicest bunch of people you'll ever meet, and having fruity drinks and Mystery Brewing beer brings out their best. Cheers!
- Check the Sea Monkey Activity Book game that's in your swag bag, which is chock-full of no-pressure ways to get to know your fellow attendees—and win cool prizes from our sponsors while doing it. Special thanks to Lone Shark Games for making it happen.

And in general terms, here's what's on this week:

PERFORMANCES. Almost every day there's a Main Performance in the Arcadia Theatre (enter from Deck 2 Forward) or Studio B (enter from Deck 3 Aft). Check the schedule for details.

GAMING and GAME ROOM, brought to you by our Lead Game Sponsor, Steve Jackson Games. Of course we have the World Famous JoCo Cruise Game Room, Sponsored by Steve Jackson Games, where you'll find tables, tons of games, and people to play them with 24 hours a day. **PLUS:** game space in the Main Dining Room on sea days. **PLUS PLUS:** Gaming Track events to help you learn more about tabletop game and play more games, whether you're a hardened vet or simply game-curious. Do it!

EXCURSIONS. These are a fun way to make ports of call more than just getting off the ship and buying tanzanite: beaches, adventures, beach adventures, and more. Sign up at the Shore Excursions desk (Deck 5 Aft). You can also ask to see if any "JoCo Exclusive" shore excursions still have space available.

SHADOW CRUISE EVENTS. The Sea Monkeys make their own fun, and there's a whole parallel track of cool things happening. Check *The SeaMonkey* newsletter, the Cruise Monkey app, Twit-Arr, and the Game Room (did we mention that it's sponsored by Steve Jackson Games?) for updates. If you'd like to start your own thing, Shadow Cruise Event submission forms will be available at the Info Desk outside the Game Room.

HANGING OUT AND STUFF. Yep, sometimes it's pretty great to just kinda hang around. Some of our favorite moments every year come from spur of the moment meetups with friends old and new, or just watching the great wide ocean on a lazy afternoon.

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JOCO CRUISE 6, DAY 6

AT SEA - FRI. FEB 26, 2016



Aboard!

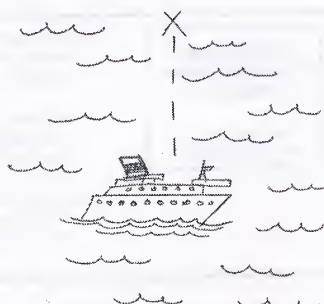
We've snorkeled, scuba'ed, swum, and sailed off our great vessel. Now, sated with terrestrial pleasures, we turn our prow to the waves, and embark on the first of TWO (2) consecutive sea days. The spray, the salt breeze, the unearthly wail of the theremin and the pluck of the ukulele (those most nautical of instruments): truly, the sea holds marvels. Let us embrace them! But lest we forget (lest we forget!), let us look also to our jam-packed schedule of exciting musical, gaming, comedy and shadow cruise events. It's all listed below, so check it out!

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00am Betrayal at House on the Hill
Galileo Dining Room, Deck 5 Aft

9:00 Nintendo 3DS Meetup Skylight Chapel Deck 15, Aft
Stitch Monkeys Cloud Nine Deck 14, Aft

9:30 Night Writers St. Thomas Room Deck 2 Fore



Scale Rendering of Nautical Chart for Today

10:00

The Annual Ukulele Melee Summit
Olive or Twist Deck 14, Aft

Magic: People's Tournament
Isaac Dining Room, Deck 4 Aft

Sentinel Comics: The RPG!
Galileo Dining Room, Deck 5 Aft

Lone Shark Games Suite: Sea Monkey Activity Book HQ
Suite 1643

10:30

Reading: John Scalzi
Olive or Twist Deck 14 Aft



11:00

Chez Cruise Jam Session
Jamaica Room Deck 2 Fore

Glen Raphael Show: More Musical Nerdity
On Air Club, Deck 3 Midship

MASH Party!
Galileo Dining Room Deck 5 Aft

12:00pm

The JV Club
Star Lounge Deck 5, Forward

Reading: Pat Rothfuss
Olive or Twist, Deck 14 Aft

Alexander Hamilton Singalong
Skylight Chapel Deck 15 Aft
Monstrosity: Test Play
Galileo Dining Room Deck 5 Aft

Monkey Playdate
Improv St Thomas, Deck 2 Fore

12:30

Learn or Play Mahjong
Isaac Dining Hall, Deck 4 Aft

Cody Wydmore's Mad Piano Science Laboratory
Cloud Nine, Deck 14 Aft

1:00pm

Designing a Family Game
Jamaica Deck 2 Fore

You Live, You Die, You Tell Your Story
Galileo Dining Room Deck 5 Aft

Office Hours: Matt Fration and Kelly Sue DeConnick
Olive or Twist Deck 14 Aft

Cruisin' with Phil Conrad
Galileo Dining Room Deck 5 Aft

INFO DESK HOURS

10:00am - 2:15pm
7:30pm - 9:00pm

Deck 2 outside game room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second and final **Authentic Indian Lunch and Cooking Demonstration** will be held Saturday at 11:30am in the Deck 4 Dining Room (Port Side) for \$25 per person. Call x-3035 to make your reservation! The food will be different than on Tuesday. Om nom.

A heartfelt thank you to the shutter monkeys for their work taking photos that will appear in the **Joco Cruise Photo Book**. You can order your copy at the merchandise table. Proceeds from the sale of the Photo Book will go to Worldbuilders. Thanks also to Black Box for providing order fulfillment and shipping.

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FIONA'S FINERIES

Breaking Games

Ultra-PRO
BLACKBOX



2:00

Concert:
John Hodgman,
Celebrity Game
Night Afternoon
Arcadia Theater, Deck 3 Fore



4:30

Open Drinking and
Drawing
Cloud Nine, Deck 14 Aft

5:30

Dinner (Formal)

Leonardo Dining Room
Deck 3, Aft

7:30

Office Hours:
Keith Baker,
Twogether
Studios
Cloud 9
Deck 14 Aft

In
Conversation
with N.K.
Jemisin
Star Lounge
Deck 5 Aft

SeaMonkey
Sit-n-Go Texas
Hold 'Em
Casino Royale
Deck 4 Midship

Tiara Group Picture
Skylight Chapel
Deck 15 Aft

JCC Karaoke
On Air Club
Deck 3 Midship

Artemis Free Play
St. Thomas
Deck 2 Fore

8:30

Office Hours:
Gavin Verhey

Cloud 9
Deck 14 Aft

Life Online:
Putting the
Meme in
Memoir
Star Lounge
Deck 5 Aft



8:45

Fancy Pants Parade

Pool Deck, Deck 11 Midship

9:00

Movie Night:
The Iron Giant
& Galaxy Quest
Pool Deck, Deck 11 Midship

9:30

Pen 'n Ink Meet 'n Greet
Skylight Chapel
Deck 15 Aft

Sex Geek and Kinky
Crafter Meetup
Cloud Nine, Deck 14 Aft

10:00

Jim Boggia Plays a Bunch
of Stuff on Ukulele and
Then, for No Apparent
Reason, Plays Side Two of
The White Album
Star Lounge, Deck 5 Aft

10:30

Joco Cruise
Merit Badges
Jamaica Deck 2 Fore

11:00

Comedy! Feat Jason
Hattrick
Cloud 9 Deck 14 Aft

Parsely Games with
Andy Looney
Jamaica, Deck 2 Fore

11:59

Ted Leo Reads
Tolkien

St. Thomas
Deck 2 Fore

12:00am

Werewolf Night
Cloud 9, Deck 14 Aft

1:00

Rock Band
Video Gaming
St. Thomas, Deck 2 Fore

ASK SCARFACE

Dear Scarface,
I left my heart in St. Maarten.
Thoughts?
Sincerely,
Love-sick.

Dear Love-Sick,
Well, at least you know where
you left it. Incidentally, that's
also where Opus Moreschi left his
appendix last year.
---Scarface

Cher Cicatrice-Visage,
Je suis Rick Springfield. Je suis
dans le bar. J'ai perdu mon
lanyard. Est-ce qu'on dit "lanyard"?
J'ai besoin de l'aide, en tout cas.
J'entends votre réponse avec
impatience,
Rick Springfield

Lieber Herr Springfield,
Ich freue mich auf Ihrer Brief. Es
tut mir Leid, dass sie ihre lanyard
verloren haben! Zum Glück können
Sie einer Neuen Lanyard bekommen
bei dem Informationsstand am Deck
Zwei.
Grüsse,
---Scarface

Dear Scarface,
How could you make such terrible
puns in yesterday's column?
---Punned Out

Dear Outpunned,
Well, the pun is a mightier weapon
than the sword. Punder that while
I puntificate upon my puntential
punishment in the punitentiary.
---Scarface

SOCIAL MEDIA WINNERS

Tuesday's social media winner is **Jody LaFerriere (@bigdumptruck on Instagram)** with posts including 1:00 am shuffleboard on the promenade. Jody wins *Car Wars: the card game*, from Steve Jackson Games.

Wednesday's winner is **Meredith Rawls (@Merrdiff on Twitter)**, whose posts muse about the Virgin Islands' amenities. Meredith takes home *Stuff and Nonsense* from Cheapass Games.

Keep posting on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Twit-Arr with #JoCoCruise or tag @JoCoCruise for your chance at a rad prize.

ONBOARD BOOKING

Sign into your existing JoCo Cruise User Account to book with all the applicable discounts.

If you don't have an internet package, use the JoCo Cruise Onboard Booking Computer at the Info Desk during regular Info Desk hours.

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JOCO CRUISE 6, DAY 5

St. MAARTEN - THURS, FEB 25, 2016



Aground!

So, we have shipped out of St. Thomas, sun-burned but happy, our purses laden with plunder: rich tanzanite and the finest duty-free silver. Before us? The sun-kissed, lightly defended coastal settlements of St. Maarten. Ah, St. Maarten: Half Dutch, Half French, half contradiction. The Belgium of the Caribbean. [editor's note: really?] There's plenty to do ashore, of course, but be sure to hasten back aboard by 4:30pm (Ship Time) for a full slate of activities. I mean, seriously, we're running out of slate. Also see St Maarten travel guide on reverse.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00am

Philipsburg St. Maarten

All aboard at 4:30

Geo-caching St. Maarten
N18°00.831,
W063°02.663

1:00pm

Office Hours: Molly Lewis

Olive or Twist
Deck 14, Aft

Hot John Tub Machine

Pool, Deck 12
Midship

Rock Band
Video Gaming
Jamaica, Deck 2 Fore

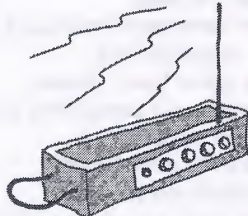
Rum Tasting
116 Old St.
Philipsburg



1:30

Johann Sebastian Joust
St. Thomas
Deck 2 Fore

3:00



Come Play Eban Schletter's Theremin
Jamaica, Deck 2 Fore

Office Hours: Christopher Badell

Olive or Twist
Deck 14, Aft

Nicole Diecker Talks
Pro Internet Writing
Sprinkles, Deck 11 Fore

4:30

Group Photo

Helipad, Deck 5 Fore

5:30

Dinner

Leonardo Dining Room
Deck 3, Aft

8:00

Concert: Imogen Heap & Spontaneation

Arcadia Theatre
Deck 3, Forward

10:30

JoCo Cruise
Merit Badges
Jamaica, Deck 2 Fore

Extreme Improv Trivia
w/ Mike Selinger and
Molly Lewis
St. Thomas
Deck 2 Fore

One Cruise Ultimate
Werewolf
Skylight Chapel

Glow-Juggle-Spin Jam
Cloud 9, Deck 14 Aft

11:30

Werewolf Night
Jamaica
Deck 2 Fore

11:59

The Show Show with Jean Grae

Star Lounge Deck 5 Fore

1:00am

Stargazing
Helicopter Pad

INFO DESK HOURS

12-2:45pm

7:30 - 8:00pm

10:30pm - 12:00am

Deck 2 outside game room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Twitt-Arr is working!

Our social media winners feature will return tomorrow!

New! Lone Shark Games Office Hours
Sea Monkey Activity Book HQ

10am - Noon
2:30pm - 5pm

Suite 1648

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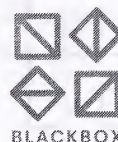
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ASK SCARFACE

Dear Scarface,
Howdy! Some of the more politically-minded Sea Monkeys were wondering what you think about the current US Presidential election?
Regards,
A C-SPAN Enthusiast

Dear Enthusiast,

What a Hilary-ous question. Though Bushed after a hard day's work, and dealing with a bad sunBern after shore leave, allow me to take a stab at your question. My opinions are generally sO'Malley-able that I'm hesitant to make a prediction about the race in Kasich changes. I've spent most of my time recently planning this trip. This bRand of Paul-itics aside, I think this voyage Trumps all our earlier Cruzes.

---SCarsonface

Dear Scarface,

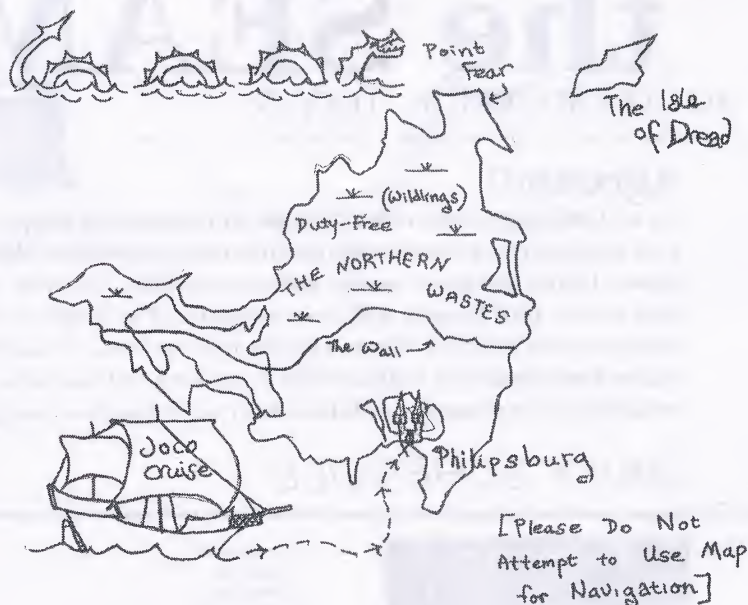
Amid the tornadoed Atlantic of my being, do I myself still for ever centrally disport in mute calm; and while ponderous planets of unwaning woe revolve round me, deep down and deep inland there I still bathe me in eternal mildness of joy.

Call me Ishmael.

Dear Ishmael,

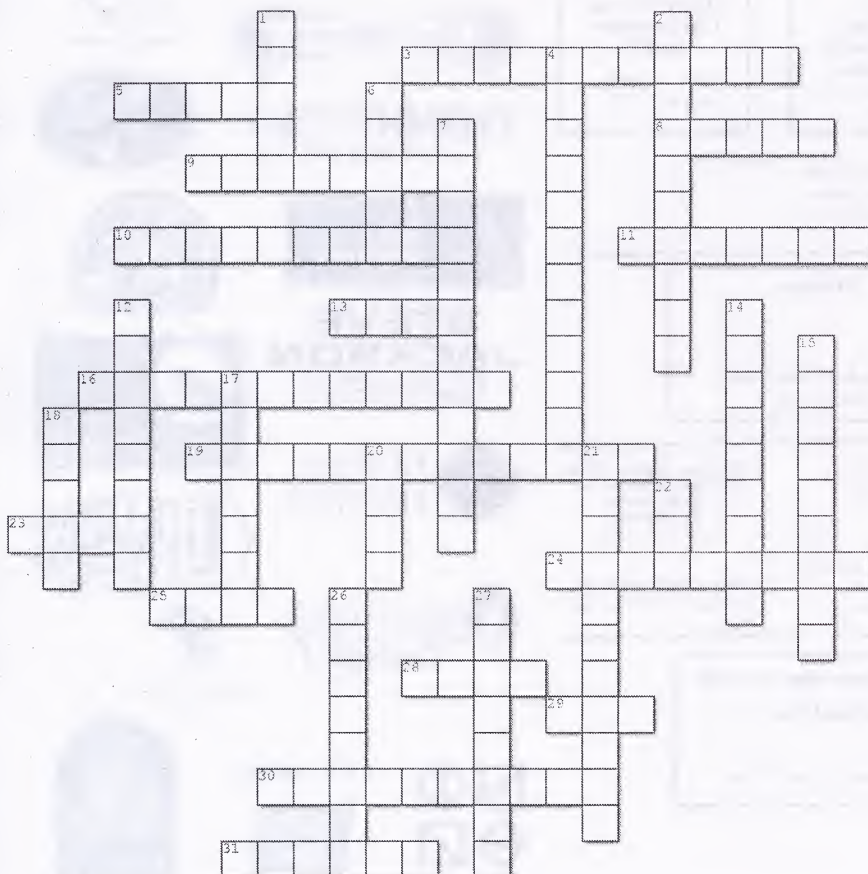
Definitely. And be sure to make it to our Group Photo at 4.30 pm on the heli-deck.

---Scarface.



The Island of St Maarten (named after the great warrior-saint of fourth century Gaul) is a land riven with conflict: between noble families, between lords and smallfolk, and finally, between Ice and Fire. Be on your guard, and be sure to make it back aboard before the ship's bell sounds, for the night on St. Maarten is dark and full of terrors. Also, although the port of St. Maarten has promised to expand the docking facilities, but they keep delaying and delaying the construction. It's supposed to be ready later in 2016, but it's anyone's guess.

Nary a Crossword



Across

3. If CapsLock came to life and ran for president
5. Still on the boat!
8. Unlike comedians, not good at stand up
9. 2017 departure city
10. How not to teach Aimee
11. Your prize for completing this crossword
13. Today's magnet
16. Delete this immediately
19. Pat Rothfuss project
23. Complete Lyrics to 'God Save the King'
24. The jewel of St. Thomas
25. Hawaiian God of Fire
28. Divisive insect
29. Setting of future JoCo song?
30. It's pronounced 'guacamole'
31. The Elixir of Cruise Cleanliness

Down

1. Last doge of Venice
2. A sea-sick masterless samurai
4. Solomon's favorite 90's TV show
6. Cruise Mom
7. Likes a 5-7 minute song introduction
12. ?
14. a Magical collective
15. Author of ASOIAF, if canonized and Dutch
17. Non-monkey offspring or aquatic equipment
18. Object of MIB's gaze
20. The Soda King
21. Walks in her sleep
22. Traditional cruise headwear
26. Harmless enough
27. Instrument invented by Bob Moog

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JOCO CRUISE 6, DAY 7

AT SEA - SAT, FEB 27, 2016



Alas!

We come to it at last: the final (full) day of JocoCruise 2016. The Sea Calls Us Home. There's been music, comedy, literature, nerdery, fancy pants and plodcasts. Yet, though our voyage be almost over, there remains one glorious day of ship-board activities before we return to terra firma. So fret not; let us make the most of our final hours (aboard): pour another libation to Poseidon, pull up a chair, and peruse our list of the last day's activities. As always, the Sea Monkey is your one stop shop for maritime news.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00am JCC6 Retrospective:
VR Experience
St. Thomas
Deck 2 Fore

9:00 Stitch Monkeys
Cloud Nine, Deck 14 Aft

Ferdinand Marcos
Memorial Junta Game
Galileo Dining Room,
Deck 5 Aft

10:00

Talk About Tak Isaac Dining Room, Deck 4 Aft	Office Hours: N.K. Jemisin Olive or Twist, Deck 14 Aft
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Monkey Sign
Monkey Do
Jamaica Room,
Deck 2 Fwd

11:00

Magic: Contest of Champions Isaac Dining Room, Deck 4 Aft	Zoe & Brian Grey, Nerd Rock On Air Club, Deck 3 Midship
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Johann Sebastian Joust
Jamaica Room
Deck 2 Fwd

11:15

Star Trek Uniforms
Photo
Olive or Twist,
Deck 14 Aft

12:00pm

I Was There Too, w/ Guest Aimee Mann Olive or Twist Deck 14 Aft	Play Munchkin with Steve Jackson Isaac Dining Room, Deck 4 Aft
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1:00

Office Hours: Wil Wheaton Olive or Twist, Deck 14 Aft	International Reddit Meetup at Sea Cloud Nine, Deck 14 Aft
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Cruisin' with Phil
Conrad
Skylight Chapel
Deck 15 Aft

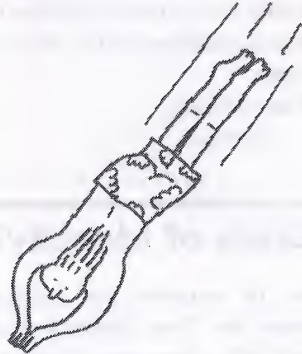
1:30pm

Puzzle Hunt Wrap-Up
St. Thomas Room
Deck 2 Fwd

2:30pm

Jonathan Coulton and Friends

Arcadia Theater, Deck 3 Fwd



INFO DESK HOURS

10:00am - 2:00pm

Deck 2 outside game room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sea Monkeys will receive an **extra 10% off** during today's trunk sale at the ship's jewelry and watch store on the promenade.

The winner of the Magic: People's Tournament event is **Alexander Kerns**. Alexander will play the Celebrity Magic Champion today at 11:00am.

JoCo Cruise performer **Quelle Chris** (as seen on stage with Jean Grae) is releasing a new instrumental album entitled "Lullabies for the Broken Brain"-check it out on bandcamp, iTunes, ughh.com, mellomusicgroup.com, digital, cassette and CD.

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SOCIAL MEDIA WINNER

Friday's social media winner is **Lorie Johnson (@Sunfell on Twit-Arr)** who bemoaned on Twit-Arr the dearth of Twit-Arr users winning the social media prize. Lorie wins a \$50 *Broken Token* gift certificate!

Keep posting on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Twit-Arr with #JoCoCruise or tag @JoCoCruise for your chance at a rad prize.

5:30

DinnerLeonardo Dining Room
Deck 3, Aft

7:00

3-D Scan Your Face
(And Also Other Things)
Cloud Nine
Deck 14 Aft

7:30

JCC KaraokeOn Air Club
Deck 3 MidshipNinja Pirate Assassin
Game: THE END GAME
Jamaica Room
Deck 2 Fwd

8:00

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Guide
Dogs But Were Afraid to Ask
Skylight Chapel, Deck 15 Aft

9:00

**Farewell Cocktail
Reception**

Pool Deck, Deck 11 Midship

**ASK SCARFACE**

Dear Scarface,

I did not appreciate the humor at the expense of the Prince of Darkness and his earthly followers at today's John Hodgman show. The Church of Satan, a not-for-profit organization, is a pillar of the demonic community and a model corporate citizen. Furthermore, witches deserve better than the tired cairn-building stereotypes employed by Mr. Hodgman. We require an apology and blood sacrifice, or else we shall instruct our waxen Jonathan Coulton-shaped golem to wreak havoc on the ship.

Sincerely,

Azmodan the Defiler.

Dear Azmodan,

I assure you, no offence was intended to Lucifer or to any other entity in today's performance. Mr. Hodgman—famously a loose cannon—does not represent the views of Management. Regardless, be assured that appropriate measures will be taken, and a Lucky Intern/Junior Consultant has been delegated to blood-sacrifice duty.

Respectfully,

---Scarface

Dear Scarface,

I know I am not alone in my dismay at the antics of our so-called "Soda King." His capricious tyranny, though amusing to the mob, cannot be allowed to subvert our Ancient Liberties and Prerogatives. I move that a General Parliament be Called to Deliberate on the Constitutionality of King Bill's edicts, with plenary power to depose him, if necessary.

Sincerely,

Wil Wheaton

Dear Mr. Wheaton,

As Herodotus relates; "The king's might is greater than human, and his arm is very long." By the traditions and custom of our commonwealth, the King's will is law, and must be obeyed. Who can say what the king will decree? Willy show mercy? Willy take vengeance? God Save the King.

---Scarface

Twilight of the Snorks: A Crisis of Identity?

We end this cruise on a note of contemplation, a call to consider ourselves in context—a call, perhaps, for papers? This, indeed, is the final cruise upon which we share our ship with non-Sea-Monkeys. It has always been Snorks—those who are not Sea Monkeys—and Sea Monkeys—those who are not Snorks. It is within this meta-framework, predicated upon the existence of Snorks, that the notion of Sea-Monkeydom has existed. It is not just a change of venue that we face in 2017, it is a change of ontology. Embracing a Lacanian intersubjectivity, we might posit a dialectic between Self and Other, Sea Monkey and Snork, wherein each depends on the other to know itself. And, ahead, in these uncharted—and heretofore uncharted—waters we must ask ourselves: does the performative nature of Sea Monkey-ness require modes of

alterity to express its subjectivity? Can there be "Sea Monkeys" without Snorks? What becomes of the "Cruise" when the Ship itself becomes part of the narrative, a part of the Semiotics of Sea-Monkeydom? Upon what metaphysical grounds can now the notion of Sea Monkey be predicated? Might we lose a facet of our essence as part and parcel of losing the Snork? Are we not Snorks? Are Snorks not Sea Monkeys? Must we, as we sail Odysseus-like further into the sea, now also look back toward the land to define ourselves, lacking a contemporaneous maritime "other"? Who are we? What are Sea Monkeys? The only way to find out is to see what happens on JoCo Cruise 2017. Think of it as a new stage in the Evolution of the Cruise: a New Becoming.

Snorks: we will miss you. Our hearts call out to you across the seas.

